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ALLARD RECEIVES SOLAR ENERGY AWARD COLORADO SENATOR COMMENDED AS CHAMPION OF SOLAR ENERGY

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has been recognized as a "champion of solar energy" for his support on solar energy issues in Congress. Allard was presented the Solar Energy Award at the opening ceremony of Solar Forum 2001 on April 23.

"The recent energy crisis in California emphasizes the increasing importance of encouraging energy conservation and the use of solar and renewable energy technologies," said Allard. "I am proud to accept this award and will continue my work as Chairman of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus to increase awareness of solar energy and other forms of renewable energy."

Solar Forum 2001 was held in Washington D.C. from April 23 to 27 and is considered the largest, most comprehensive solar event of the year. The annual event represents fourteen organizations committed to increasing the role of solar energy and includes the solar industry, builders, architects, engineers and electricity organizations.

Senator Allard serves as Chairman of the Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus - an informal bi-partisan body made up of 32 Senators who work to share ideas and information on renewable energy and energy efficiency issues. He also has introduced legislation this session of Congress to provide tax credits to homeowners who install solar energy equipment and to companies who produce of energy efficient appliances.

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